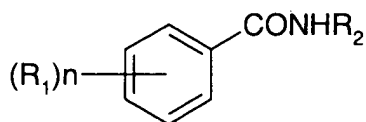


**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

Methods are disclosed for treating and preventing pain such as neuropathic pain, and traumatic injuries such as traumatic brain injury and acute spinal cord injury, which comprise administering effective amounts of a benzamide compound of formula

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where  $n$  is 1 or 2,  $R_1$  is a group selected from acetyl, alkyl, amino, acylamino ( $NHCOR_3$ ), halo, nitro, and trifluoroalkyl,  $R_2$  is saturated alkyl of 3 to 5 atoms, and  $R_3$  is alkyl of 1 to 5 atoms. Pharmaceutical compositions, dosage forms and methods of administration are set forth.